

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 13-19 were pending prior to this amendment. Claims 1-9, 13-15, and 18 are pending after entry of this amendment. Claims 10, 16-17, and 19 have been canceled.

Claims 13, 15, and 18 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found in the original claims and in the specification.

I. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Rejection of Claims 10, 13-14, 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Office Action has rejected Claim 16 as being anticipated by US 5,932,514 to Ernst *et al.* (hereinafter “Ernst”) and Claims 10, 13-14, and 17 as being anticipated by Fischer *et al.* [Makromol. Chem., Macromol. Symp. 66, 191-202 (1993)] (hereinafter “Fischer”), US 6,025,407 to Nagy *et al.* (hereinafter “Nagy”), and US 5,908,903 to Rosch (hereinafter “Rosch”). While applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection, Claims 10, 16, and 17 have been canceled from the application.

Claim 13 has been amended to depend from Claim 1. Claim 14, while not amended, depends from amended Claim 13. As Claim 1 is allowable, dependent Claims 13 and 14 should now be in a condition for allowance.

II. AMENDMENTS TO ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claim 15, previously allowed, has been amended to incorporate the “unsupported” aspect of Claim 19 (previously allowed, now canceled) to the catalyst formed in step b). As Claims 15 and 19 were previously allowed, amended Claim 15 should be in a condition for allowance.

Claim 19, as described above, has been canceled from the application and its subject matter incorporated into Claim 15.

Claim 18, previously allowed, has been rewritten in independent form. The subject matter of Claim 17, from which Claim 18 previously depended, has been incorporated into amended Claim 18. Thus, Claim 18, as amended, should also be in a condition for allowance.

III. COMMENTS REGARDING PROSECUTION HISTORY

Applicants would like to draw the Examiner's attention to a discrepancy in the record of this application, as discussed by telephone on July 6, 2006 with Mr. Kevin Hathcock. In particular, the *Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1.495*, dated July 11, 2005, states "Preliminary Amendments have not been entered because does not match according to claim numbering, article 34 amendment that was entered." Applicants assume that the Examiner subsequently entered the Preliminary Amendment, filed on March 2, 2005, as the claims as referenced in the first Office Action, dated November 4, 2005, and thereafter are consistent with those of the Preliminary Amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the record and take any corrective action necessary to perfect the record and issue a Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Kevin Hathcock or Mitch Katz at (678) 420-9300 if it would be helpful to discuss this issue.

Applicants respectfully request this Amendment be considered and entered, as all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request a Notice of Allowance to be issued.

No fee is believed due with this Response; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

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